

## **LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Meeting to be held on Monday, 14 December 2020

### **COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS**

**(Appendix 1 refers)**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Reports in relation to the 2 Unitary and 12 District Authorities are attached containing information relating to:-

- Community Safety activity;
- Incidents of Operational interest.

Operational incidents of interest will be presented to Members for information.

#### **Recommendation**

The Authority is asked to note and endorse the report.

#### **Information**

Included as Appendix 1 are reports for the two unitary and twelve district authorities in relation to:

- Community Safety initiatives;
- Incidents of Operational interest.

#### **Business Risk**

None

#### **Environmental Impact**

Potential impact on local environment

#### **Equality and Diversity implications**

None

#### **Financial Implications**

None

## HR Implications

None

## Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		

**LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2020 – DECEMBER 2020

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSCs)</u></b>	
<p>During the period and in line with COVID guidelines community safety engagement has been reduced, however fire safety enforcement staff have continued to liaise with and deliver advice via telephone consultation and plans put in place for re visits to be conducted when normal business return.</p> <p>HFSC Revisit follow up calls have now started to take place which are also being used to reassure and provide an opportunity for these vulnerable people who are living alone to have a conversation and to be signposted to new support groups within their communities</p>	
<b><u>Brightspax</u></b>	
<p>All high schools within the borough were targeted to take up our online BrightSparx package offer which was subsequently extended to cover primary schools and faith groups. This new style of delivery was via Teams and has received very positive feedback from schools and staff.</p> <p>Partnership work with Blackburn with Darwen enabled Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) to report any waste / bonfires for removal by two council teams.</p> <p>Multi-agency initial assessment team vehicles directly targeted known “hotspot” areas in the district over the bonfire period which greatly reduced the amount of exposure to liveried LFRS vehicles, therefore reducing risk / injuries to LFRS staff.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	09 September 2020
<b>Time:</b>	06:03
<p>Three appliances, two from Blackburn and one from Darwen were mobilised to a ‘Persons Reported’ house fire.</p> <p>On route, it was confirmed by North West Fire Control (NWFC) that four people were trapped in the rear bedroom of a house. Two appliances from Blackburn were first on scene. Firefighters quickly made their way to the rear of the property where four occupants could be seen at a rear bedroom window. There was a well-</p>	

developed fire in the downstairs kitchen. The officer in charge made the rescue of the casualties a priority, a short extension ladder was pitched to the rear of the property and four casualties were rescued.

The fire was then tackled with the assistance of the third appliance from Darwen. Firefighters provided first aid to the casualties until the arrival of North West Ambulance Service. All casualties made a full recovery.

This incident highlighted the importance of fire safety advice provided by the fire service, as one of the occupants had previously visited the crews at Blackburn fire station where they had spent the day with firefighters and remembered the lifesaving advice given in case of an emergency - especially the advice to get all the occupants into one room and place bedding at the bottom of the door to stop smoke ingress. The occupant felt that the information given at the fire station that day had undoubtedly saved the lives of the family.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Brightsparx</u></b>	
<p>As a response to the ever-changing Pandemic, the Brightsparx educational package for the bonfire period was delivered via virtual sessions to schools across the Blackpool District. A total of 10 Schools responded to the offer of a Brightsparx input for their pupils. This was done by Community Safety Advisors and received a positive response. The pupils were able to have safety information delivered to them in a safe yet informative way.</p>	
<b><u>Partnership Working</u></b>	
<p>The Western Area Community Safety Advisors are entering into a pilot for the delivery of virtual partnership training with Blackpool Police. The training will involve a Fire Safety input and how to make a referral for a Home Fire Safety Check. The pilot is currently in the development phase and the hope is to roll out the training once all the team have received 'Teams' training to enable them to effectively utilise technology to engage with our partners.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	30 September 2020
<b>Time:</b>	19:53
<p>North West Fire Control received a call from the occupier of a property on Dickson Road, Blackpool reporting that he could smell smoke in the building. As the caller was the occupier of a commercial building, mobilising control dispatched the pre-determined attendance of four fire appliances from Blackpool, Bispham and South Shore Fire Stations. In addition, a station manager was also sent to the scene.</p> <p>On arrival, the crews found the roof of a 3-storey building alight. The building consisted of a commercial unit of the ground floor, with the upper floors being residential accommodation. The location of the fire prompted a request for an Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) to aid firefighting.</p> <p>Fire crews spent three hours at the scene; used six Breathing Apparatus sets and two high pressure hose reel jets to bring the fire under control. The ALP was used to enable fire crews to gain access to the roof in order to strip away damaged roof</p>	

timber. Fire crews also used a thermal imaging camera to ensure no hot spots remained and the fire was fully extinguished. Fire crews used a plastic sheet to cover the damaged roof. This work was undertaken as a temporary measure to mitigate further water damage caused by rain fall whilst the property owner arranged for full repairs.

There is a requirement for fire crews to undertake an investigation to determine the cause of fire. This work is important as the findings support the Service with the development of Prevention and Protection strategies. In this instance, the fire was caused by roofing contractors who used a blow torch to repair a flat roof, accidentally causing timber roof joists to slowly smoulder and develop before finally fully igniting.

Details of the incident were passed to Protection and Prevention departments so follow-up activities could be undertaken. This is standard practice and aimed at ensuring victims of fire in residential settings are supported post fire, that prevention equipment is installed and working and education becomes embedded. In commercial settings, the follow-up work is to ensure the building meets the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order; where not, so that appropriate enforcement action can be taken. This follow-up activity has been completed with no issues being identified.

**Date:** 25 October 2020

**Time:** 09:47

Major water flooding from flat roof of three storey building. Major water damage was caused to 18 flats and contents. LFRS made the scene safe and assisted in salvage operations,

**Date:** 15 October 2020

**Time:** 15:56

One male casualty with both hands trapped in sheet metal power press. First aid given to casualty at scene by fire service personnel. Power press raised by on-site engineers and casualty conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BURNLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Brightsparx</u></b>	
<p>Pennine prevention teams have been part of the hugely successful delivery of the annual campaign by adapting to online virtual sessions using Microsoft teams as a media platform to deliver Bright Spark`s. The intention is to influence young people about the dangers of mis-using fireworks and how to have a safer Bonfire night. Usually the annual intervention would take place within schools in the Burnley area. The schools were invited to log into the virtual sessions and were able to partake in questions and answers between members of the team with teachers alongside them. Over 10 schools in the area signed up in Pennine and over 62 more through-out Lancashire.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>CHORLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Virtual Bonfire</u></b>	
<p>This year's annual Service Training Centre Bonfire was cancelled and replaced with a safer virtual bonfire where families could still enjoy a traditional bonfire and firework display but from the comfort of their own homes. The display was broadcast over Facebook with 103,000 people viewing. It had 3900 likes, 3577 comments and was shared 871 times.</p> <p>As well as the bonfire, members of the public got to see some of the work our Urban Search and Rescue Colleagues do, including a demonstration by Sid the Fire and Rescue Service Search Dog. They also got to look around a fire engine, received information on what it's like to be an On-Call Firefighter and were treated to a story from Firefighter Clough, the Service's resident story teller.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	31 October 2020
<b>Time:</b>	20:08
<p>Three fire engines from Ormskirk and Skelmersdale attended a persons' reported incident in Ormskirk. The incident involved the basement of a property and was heavily smoke logged. Firefighters rescued one casualty by using four breathing apparatus, one hose reel jet, one thermal imaging camera, ventilation unit, lighting and breaking in gear.</p> <p>The casualty was suffering the effects of smoke inhalation and was treated at the scene by paramedics. Firefighters were at the scene for almost three hours and the cause of the fire is subject to an investigation.</p>	



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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>FYLDE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Brightspax Educational Package</u></b>	
<p>As a response to the ever-changing Pandemic, the Brightspax Educational package for the Bonfire period was delivered via virtual sessions to schools across the Fylde District. One school responded to the offer of a Brightspax input for their pupils. This was done by Community Safety Advisors and received a positive response. The pupils were able to have safety information delivered to them in a safe yet informative way.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>HYNDBURN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Home Fire Safety Checks</u></b>	
<p>During the period and in line with COVID guidelines community safety engagement has been reduced, however fire safety enforcement staff have continued to liaise with and deliver advice via telephone consultation and plans put in place for re visits to be conducted when normal business return.</p> <p>HFSC Revisit follow up calls have now started to take place which are also being used to reassure and provide an opportunity for these vulnerable people who are living alone to have a conversation and to be signposted to new support groups within their communities.</p>	
<b><u>Brightspax</u></b>	
<p>All high schools within the borough were targeted to take up our online BrightSparx package offer which was subsequently extended to cover primary schools and faith groups. This new style of delivery was via Teams and has received very positive feedback from schools and staff.</p> <p>Partnership work with Hyndburn Borough Council enabled us to report any waste / bonfires for removal by a council team.</p> <p>Multi-agency initial assessment team vehicles directly targeted known “hotspot” areas in the district over the bonfire period which greatly reduced the amount of exposure to liveried LFRS vehicles, therefore reducing risk / injuries to LFRS staff.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>LANCASTER</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety</u></b>	
<p>The Community Fire Safety team were contacted by The Fire Safety Manager from University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay (UHMB), who wished to produce a departmental fire training package for UHMB staff working from home.</p> <p>The format of the presentation was an e-learning package forwarded to all UHMB staff who were working from home. The aim of the package was to give the staff a greater understanding of the associated fire risks when working from home and to be aware of the advice to mitigate these risks and hazards.</p> <p>Included in the presentation was the importance of having smoke detection in the property and advice on regular testing. Having an escape plan, advice regarding cooking safely and electrical safety with emphasis on the importance of not overloading sockets was also covered.</p> <p>The package had links to the LFRS on line referral process for a Home Fire Safety Check and the Fire Safety in the Home booklet. The presentation has been distributed to approximately 400 UHMB staff working from home.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	05 August 2020 & 11 August 2020
<b>Time:</b>	05:25 & 03:08
<p>Lancashire Fire and Rescue was called to reports of flooding at Hala, Lancaster. This was due to Burrow Beck having burst its banks, partially due to a blockage and an increase in garden waste disposed into the Beck during lockdown. Crews on scene quickly made up for additional resources from all across Lancashire including a number of swift water rescue teams and a high-volume pump. Life risk was priority and nearly 30 people were successfully evacuated to a place of safety and the high-volume pump used to reduce water levels. The substation was also flooded causing power outage to a number of properties. Lancashire Fire and Rescue assisted Electricity Northwest to remove the flood water to enable power to be safely restored. Lancashire Fire and Rescue led a comprehensive multi-agency response to ensure the resolution of this event and then handed over to Lancaster City Council for the recovery phase.</p>	

Unfortunately, due to a significant storm with a large amount of rainfall, Burrow Beck again burst its banks on 11 August 2020. As much pre-planning as possible was carried out and careful monitoring of the river gauge levels meant that Lancashire Fire and Rescue were quickly on scene, alongside Lancaster City Council and the Environment Agency. This meant that we could again rapidly bring a large amount of resources in to affect rescues and pump away flood water.

Further work is now being carried out to try and protect the area from flooding. Currently a temporary bund is in place and a narrow bridge restriction removed from the Beck.

**Date:** 12 August 2020

**Time:** 04:48

Six appliances, one command unit and support pump, one hazardous material unit and support pump, two station managers, one group manager and one drone attended the above incident.

The incident was a leak of Nitric acid approximately 69% from an articulated lorry trailer within a trailer park of the port. As a result of the incident, Operation Merlin was declared and a 50m cordon established. Information from a specialist was utilised to ascertain the nature of the incident and how this had occurred.

A number of multi-agency meetings were established between the police, the fire and rescue service and the port staff. Fire and rescue operations saw the deployment of four Gas Tight Suit (GTS) wearers, in order to isolate the valves which prevented any further spillage. The GTS wearers were then decontaminated. No offsite effects were caused and the incident was handed back to port officials to arrange specialist clean up.

**Date:** 11 August 2020

**Time:** 10:18

Two appliances, one of which had Swift Water Rescue capability, one drone and one station manager attended the above incident.

The initial call was to a female stuck in quick sand with a dog, a considerable distance from the Bolton-le-Sands coastline. On attendance, confirmation via North West Fire Control and the Coastguard confirmed that one female had self-rescued from quicksand and the dog remained trapped within the quick sand. It was uncertain whether or not the female would attempt to rescue the dog prior to the arrival of any emergency services.

The Fire and Rescue service utilised qualified Swift Water Rescue Technicians to proceed and utilise specialist equipment in order to affectively rescue the dog from quick sand.

The incident required a multi-agency approach, involving North West Ambulance Service, the coastguard the Fire Service to ensure a safe rescue of the dog.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PENDLE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Hoarding Support</u></b>	
<p>Hoarding is a very common theme to many people in Lancashire and many LFRS staff are familiar with many individuals in their area. The people are deemed as very high risk for both staff and the residents in terms of fire and safe evacuation. Compulsive hoarding, also known as hoarding disorder, is a pattern of behaviour that is characterised by excessive acquisition and unwillingness to discard large quantities of objects which cover living areas of their home. Prevention staff are always looking to work with new organisations and additional teams have been developed who will also support hoarders in Pendle. They will now work alongside council departments who assist in the clearance of the site. The hoarder will almost certainly try to work with them to help them move forward, unless their psychological state will affect them and they have become so far behind in dealing with it becomes incredibly daunting. Working collaboratively with partners to glean a safer environment for the resident is the outcome we aim to achieve.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PRESTON</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Brightspax Campaign</u></b>	
<p>Central Community Fire Safety staff have been exploring different ways to share essential educational messages and engage with the local community over the Brightspax period. A loop presentation which provides various safety messages on fireworks, COVID-19 restrictions/advice and bonfires has been devised, with information from both LFRS and the Police, which has been shared with all local high schools for displaying on LCD screens within the entrance foyers.</p> <p>This information can then be played continuously and allows students and visitors, the opportunity to receive key safety messages and advice. This presentation has also been shared with all local mosques within Central Area and Eastern Area.</p> <p>In addition to this, Central CFS staff, have also assisted the delivery of 38 online MS Teams Brightspax assemblies to over 70 schools across Lancashire, to a total of 10,815 pupils.</p> <p>A full evaluation of all Central Brightspax activities will take place and findings/actions will be recorded on the Service Campaigns folder on RADAR.</p>	
<b><u>Diwali Celebrations for 2020 – Central CFS &amp; Race &amp; Religion Employee Voice Group</u></b>	
<p>This year's Diwali celebrations took place from 14 November 2020. Due to current COVID-19 guidance/restrictions and household rules, more families celebrated at home, so more cooking with oils, more tea lights and candles will be visible and more incense sticks were predicted to be burnt. Also, due to the suspension of organised firework events at key registered venues, more families purchased fireworks so could celebrate at home.</p> <p>With this in mind, Central CFS staff devised and circulated a PowerPoint presentation to advise the community of the risks associated with the celebration period. In addition to this, further information on cooking safety, candles and correct firework use has been shared with retailers and through utilising social media with local partners.</p> <p>The Race &amp; Religion Group with assistance from Corporate Communications have also devised the following information:</p>	

We'd like to wish happy Diwali to everyone celebrating the Hindu festival of lights. We know festivities are different this year but we hope Diwali brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and your families.

Household mixing and public events are not permitted to limit the spread of coronavirus in Lancashire and help keep people safe.

### **Celebrate Diwali safely with our tips and advice**

#### **Cooking family feasts and tasty treats**

- Almost half of all accidental fires in the home in Lancashire are cooking related.
- Keep it clean, keep it clear – your cooker and hob
- Distractions could be disastrous – don't leave pans unattended
- Don't fill your pan with more than one third of oil
- If the oil starts to smoke, turn off the heat and leave it to cool
- Clothing ignites quicker than you think – keep scarves and long sleeves tied back
- Only use appliances like pressure cookers if they were purchased from the UK and carry the CE mark
- If a fire does start, don't try to fight it yourself. Get out stay out, and call 999

#### **Lighting up your home**

- Secure candles and diyas in a proper holder and at a safe distance from curtains, decorations and clothing
- Keep them out of reach for children
- Consider swapping candles for battery-operated LED tea lights
- Use only enough ghee or oil for a diya to last your puja
- It is common practice during Diwali to leave candles burning all day but please extinguish candles and diyas when you leave the room, the house or go to bed
- Be careful if using incense sticks

#### **Fireworks and festivities**

You can read more about fireworks safety here however we encourage people to follow the fireworks code:

- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Place on a stable surface, light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back

- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Dispose of fireworks by soaking in a bucket of water for several hours, bag it and bin in your usual black bin once completely cool
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Keep pets indoors and ensure children are safe and a good distance away from the fireworks
- If using sparklers ensure they are held in a gloved hand at arm's length and there is a bucket of water to put them in once the sparkler is out

### INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

**Date:** 02 October 2020

**Time:** 04:19

Fire involving a large amount of rubbish outside a block of flats. The fire spread from the secondary fire to the plastic cladding on the building. The fire spread rapidly up the front of the building and upon arrival of the fire service, the whole building was smoke logged and fire was spreading quickly due to the cladding.

Fire Service Crews evacuated the building but North West Fire Control confirmed that one family, including two children, were trapped on the third floor unable to get out. Breathing apparatus teams consisting of four Firefighters were deployed into the building for search and rescue. A 10.5m ladder was pitched to the rear window and a baby was carried to safety via the ladder, however the other occupants could not be rescued due to the size of the window. The order to deploy the escape hoods was given and BA teams located the family and all four occupants were carried to safety by BA rescue teams. The fire was extinguished using two hose reel jets and positive pressure ventilations fans were used to clear smoke and fire gases. Everyone was given a check on the scene by NWAS and the two children and Mother were taken to hospital with minor smoke inhalation. The cause was deliberate ignition to a large amount of rubbish outside the property. Damage was severe by fire and smoke to the whole building. The cause of the fire is subject to a joint Police and Fire investigation.



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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Home Fire Safety Checks</u></b>	
<p>During the period and in line with COVID guidelines, community safety engagement has been reduced, however fire safety enforcement staff have continued to liaise with and deliver advice via telephone consultation and put plans in place for re visits to be conducted when normal business return.</p> <p>HFSC Revisit follow up calls have now started to take place which are also being used to reassure and provide an opportunity for these vulnerable people who are living alone to have a conversation and to be signposted to new support groups within their communities.</p>	
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<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	06 August 2020
<b>Time:</b>	08:10
<p>A lift developed a fault causing the lift to jam against the framework, trapping a number of people inside. LFRS staff requested the attendance of a lift engineer however due to the engineers estimated time of arrival being prolonged the occupants started to become distressed. Due to the occupants distress the officer in charge took the decision to force the lift doors, which then enabled LFRS staff to carry the occupants to safety. An unusual rescue, where the calmness and professionalism of the crew from E59 assisted in maintaining the safety of everyone involved whilst undertaking the rescue.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>ROSSENDALE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Successful Ending to a Safeguarding Referral</u></b>	
<p>After a successful winter campaign in 2019 whereby prevention staff targeted the most vulnerable members of the community assisted by MOSAIC data which helps them determine the demographics of the people living in a specific area. During one of the campaigns an elderly gentleman was discovered in the Bacup area of Rossendale. The man was only just getting by but on the brink of a social crisis. At this point teams identified that he would benefit from a Safeguarding referral to adult social care due to his isolation, lack of support, mobility needs amongst various other factors. A safeguarding referral was made as well as a full Safe &amp; Well visit which again was very high risk due to his smoking habits. Various interventions were put in place by a host of agencies. 1 year on and the gentleman received a re-visit from prevention staff to his new address. The success behind the signposting and safeguarding was that he was relocated to a more suitable home, which has a warden support system in place. He also has carers which visit him twice a day too. This is just one instance of the incredible work which goes on behind the scenes with Community fire safety.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>SOUTH RIBBLE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Brightspax</u></b>	
<p>This year, our Brightspax Education Package was delivered to both Primary and Secondary Schools in South Ribble via Microsoft Teams. All Schools were approached via the Lancashire Resilience Forum and were asked to book onto sessions in the two week lead up to half term.</p> <p>In South Ribble, six schools dialled into the sessions which saw 2,126 young people receiving advice on staying safe over the bonfire period. Delivering the package in this way was new to members of the Community Safety Team so the positive feedback received was very encouraging.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	02 November 2020
<b>Time:</b>	12:42
<p>Four fire engines from Skelmersdale and Ormskirk attended a fire at a commercial property in Parbold, Wigan. Crews used four breathing apparatus, two hose reels and a positive pressure ventilation unit to control the fire. They then used small tools to remove debris and make the location safe.</p> <p>One casualty was treated at the scene. Firefighters were in attendance for approximately two hours.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WEST LANCASHIRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Student Safe</u></b>	
<p>This year's annual Student Safe campaign at Edge Hill University looked a little different for the 2020/2021 academic year. Traditionally, the Community Safety Team would deliver a fire safety package specifically for students to all new first years living on Campus.</p> <p>This year, a video was produced which featured a fire fighter from Ormskirk who is also a student at Edge Hill University. They spoke about general fire safety as well as giving advice specific to students and halls of residence including discouraging cooking whilst under the influence of alcohol, cleaning kitchens to reduce the amount of potential fires, not spraying deodorant too close to detectors and the sanctions the university could impose if any students tampered with fire related equipment.</p> <p>The film was sent out to all first-year students which is over 2000 as well as being shared on social media for all students to view.</p>	
<b><u>Community Days of Action</u></b>	
<p>The Community Safety Team and Crews from Skelmersdale and Ormskirk assisted West Lancashire Borough Council as well as other agencies such as the Police in distributing leaflets advertising upcoming Community Days of Action. These Community Days of Action provide local householders the opportunity to dispose of any waste in the lead up to Mischief Night, Halloween and Bonfire Night. The sites were chosen specifically as places that see the most amounts of anti-social behaviour and deliberate secondary fires over the Bonfire Period. 120 tons of rubbish was removed over the period.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	10 October 2020
<b>Time:</b>	18:38
<p>Fire involving a canal cruiser boat. The vessel was fully involved in fire by the time LFRS arrived on the scene. Enquiries were made to see if the boat owner could be located, to no avail at the time of the incident. Damage was severe by flame and heat to the entire vessel. The vessel was almost fully sunk at the conclusion of the incident with the hull only being kept partially afloat by an improvised</p>	

mooring line. Due to the severity of the damage it was not possible to determine a cause, ascertain an item first ignited or even state with any certainty which item/s were responsible for fire spread. Due to the instability of the boat and the fact that it was sinking, a detailed excavation was impossible. Once the fire was extinguished, the incident was handed over to the Police.

**Date:** 12 August 2020

**Time:** 14:21

Several cars had become trapped with occupants in road surface flood water. LFRS assisted drivers with their vehicles pushing them to a dry area. Advice was given about driving through flood water.

**LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

REPORTING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2020 – DECEMBER 2020

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WYRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Brightspax</u></b></p> <p>Due to the current pandemic, there are fewer opportunities for face to face/direct public engagement, particularly in terms of education sessions in schools. There will also be far fewer, if any, organised displays in particular the annual Fleetwood Firework Extravaganza, which traditionally LFRS advise the public to attend, rather than having home bonfire parties. It is now anticipated there will be a significant increase in home bonfires and ad-hoc/unauthorised 'community' ones. This means that there is a potential for increased anti-social behaviour during the period and so this year different measures have been instigated and a greater emphasis on multi-agency working.</p> <p>These measures included:-</p> <p>Delivery of Brightspax educational package by Community Safety Advisors via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Increased Environmental Visual Audits (EVA) in known high activity areas/wards, any accumulation of waste to be reported to Wyre Cleansing Team Hot Line.</p> <p>EVA's to cover known derelict properties in areas of high Anti-Social Behaviour to prevent fire setting.</p> <p>Staffing of a Multi-Agency Initial Assessment Team (MAIAT) vehicle, objective being to identify and assess the requirement to commit resources from partner agencies at strategic times and dates.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	24 September 2020
<b>Time:</b>	17:57
<p>Three appliances were mobilised to reports of a multi-car collision on the Southbound Carriage way of the M6.</p> <p>The accident involved one small domestic vehicle and one commercial van. The collision occurred as a result of the small vehicle suffering a blowout, which caused it to collide with the van, which in turn collided with the central reservation barrier.</p>	

The Police instigated a full closure of the motorway and informed LFRS crews that the Van had multiple cans of petrol and a race motor bike in the rear which had begun to leak.

Crews used environmental protection techniques to mitigate damage to the environment from the leaking fuel, in addition to assisting the Police with the removal of the vehicle so that the M6 could be re-opened.

**Date:** 22 September 2020  
**Time:** 00:30

On arrival crews were faced with a building fire that was well alight, the North/West side of the building was completely engulfed in fire with flames reaching up to approximately six metres high.

The fire had been started deliberately on the external North/West side of the building, where a wheelie bin was placed up against a door and set alight. Fire-fighting operations started immediately but the fire had already spread up the North/West side of the building and into the roof space. The fire caused severe fire damage to the door where the fire started and the roof in its entirety.

The Incident was subsequently referred to the Police and investigations are ongoing into this incident.

Crews have increased the frequency in which environmental visual audits are being carried out to deter further anti-social behaviour fires and partnership work is ongoing with the local council and Police to reduce further incidents.

**Date:** 14 August 2020  
**Time:** 15:42

One fire appliance from Fleetwood was mobilised to reports of a small animal entrapped at a domestic property.

On arrival it became apparent that a domestic tortoise had become trapped behind a soil pipe connected to the property.

Gavin the tortoise, aged five, had been playing out in the garden whilst doing this he went for a wander and became wedged behind the soil pipe. Crews used a crow bar to lever the soil pipe away from the wall which freed Gavin.

This incident was referred to Corporate Communications who published an article on the incident. This subsequently attracted national media interest in the story (the BBC).